

JACOB GATES.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 752 ]

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JUNE 13, 1860.

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Mr. FENTON, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Gates, report :*

That it appears from the affidavit of the petitioner that he enlisted in the United States service in the war of 1812, August 17, 1812, in a company commanded by Captain John A. Burd, 2d regiment light dragoons, Pennsylvania militia. He was marched to the northern frontier; was in the skirmishes by the river Coal; was at the battle of Fort George; was at the battles of Stoney Creek and Beaver Dams. At the latter place he was taken prisoner. He was first taken to the jail of Little York, thence taken to Kingston, thence to Montreal, then to Quebec, and to Halifax, in Nova Scotia, and was imprisoned on Melvin island; remained there till the last of February, and was exchanged and sent to Boston. He again joined his regiment and went to Plattsburg; there was transferred to a rifle company and marched to Sackett's Harbor, thence to Black Rock, and crossed into Canada and joined General Brown's army. He was at the battle of Chippewa, and next day was engaged in the battle at Lundy's Lane; then, on the 25th of the same month, was in the battle of Bridgewater, and received a ball in his hip, and was removed next day to the hospital at Buffalo, where he remained six weeks, and then again joined his company. He remained in Canada, and was engaged in several skirmishes, and crossed back into New York in the fall of 1814, and went to Genesee river, into winter quarters; and, while cutting timber to build stable and barracks, cut his foot badly with an axe, and was confined for some time. In the spring he joined a company of volunteers, and went to Mackinaw island, under command of Colonel McNeal, and remained with him till the summer of 1817, and was honorably discharged, having served five years. He is now old and infirm, and as age increases he

suffers more and more from the effects of the wounds received. He is sixty-six years of age. Doctors J. A. Landis and R. W. Christy, certified by the proper authorities to be respectable physicians, in good standing in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, say, "That, from satisfactory evidence and from accurate examination, the above statement seems to be true." They corroborate the appearance at present of his having received the said wounds, and that he is now suffering from their effects. The Third Auditor of the Treasury Department certifies to the five years' service of petitioner, and his honorable discharge; but states that the records of the department do not show that he was wounded or injured in the service, and on this ground the Pension office refused his application for a pension.

Your committee are satisfied that it is a meritorious claim, and that the facts and circumstances are sufficiently well sustained to entitle him to a pension, and they have reported a bill granting him a pension of \$8 per month from January 1, 1860.